

Summer
2016

KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities
offered by



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation



For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.

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Inclusive approach to recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator for more details: Amy Shrake, CTRS, 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

Bryan Park Pool and Mills Pool open May 27!

Pools Hotline: 812-349-3741

Bryan Park Pool

1020 S. Woodlawn Ave. • 812-349-3741

Open May 27–September 5

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Back-to-school hours:

Weekdays, August 10–September 2 from 3:30–8 p.m.

Weekends remain 11 a.m.–8 p.m. during this time.

Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) \$3

Adult \$4

Waterslides* \$2.50

General admission fee does not include use of waterslides.

Mills Pool

1100 W. 14th St. • 812-349-3741

Open May 27–August 10

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) \$3

Adult \$4



Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program

We offer lessons at Bryan Park Pool for many skill levels! For more information or to register, visit bloomington.in.gov/parks.

Session I: June 6–17 • Register by 6/3.

Session II: June 20–July 1 • Register by 6/17.

Session III: July 11–22 • Register by 7/8.

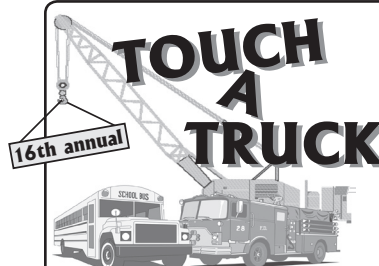
Session IV: July 25–August 5 • Register by 7/22.

Session V: August 8–19 • Register by 8/5.

Pool Rentals

Bryan Park and Mills Pools are perfect locations for your summertime event! Rental rates include lifeguarding and customer service staff.

For specific availability, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700. All reservations must be made in person at the Parks and Recreation office.



Big rigs or bust at the 16th annual Touch a Truck! Get up close and personal with fire trucks, ambulances, buses, bucket trucks, and more. Explore and learn about the inner and outer workings of all your favorite vehicles.

For more information contact Lysie Haag at 812-349-3718 or haagl@bloomington.in.gov.

Call the Community Events Hotline at

812-349-3754 for weather-related cancellations.

Wednesday, June 15 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

\$1/per person • Geared toward ages 1–10 yrs.

Twin Lakes Sports Park, 2350 W. Bloomfield Rd., parking lot; additional parking at Twin Lakes Recreation Center.

Rain date: June 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

MESSY MAMA

Kids get crazy with their hands when we let them dig into all kinds of messy mediums, with no worries about creating chaos in the house. These hands-on activities will delight every youngster who loves to squish, splatter, and fling! Let us take care of the prep time and cleanup, while you and your child experience a morning of head-to-toe, ooey gooey good times.

Tuesday, July 12 • 9 a.m.–noon
Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.
—Henderson Shelter

\$5/child • For ages 1–8 yrs. w/parent.

For more information, contact Lysie Haag at 812-349-3718 or haagl@bloomington.in.gov.



**Saturday,
July 16
9-10:30 a.m.**

For ages
5–10 yrs. w/parent.
\$15/child

Register by 7/1. • 51001-A

Encourage children to get active with
this fun, non-competitive event!

The triathlon includes a:

- 50-meter swim • 1.5-mile cycle • .5-mile run

Every child who takes part is a winner! Participants begin each event together so no one is left behind.

Children must bring their own bikes and bike helmets for the cycle portion, and bathing suits and life jackets (if desired) for the swim portion.

Refreshments and fruit are provided for triathletes during and after the event.

There is an information session for athletes and parents at 5:30 p.m. June 29 at Bryan Park Pool, 1020 S. Woodlawn Ave.

For more information, contact Alison Miller at 812-349-3771 or milleal@bloomington.in.gov.

Register online at bloomington.in.gov/parks.

— Experience —
The Great Outdoors
Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Nature Olympics

You don't need to go to Brazil to compete in the Olympics! Catch insects like a frog, and find your territory like coyote, or share a small space like a bat and find a cache like a squirrel. Indiana's animals have incredible adaptations that allow them to complete amazing feats every day. Try your hand at these animal games and participate in Nature Olympics, where the best adapted are winners.

Sa 6/11 • 1–2 p.m. • Register by 6/6 • 54010-A
\$4/in-city, \$5/non-city • For ages 5–10 yrs.
Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.—Woodlawn Shelter

Invasive Plant Walk and Talk

Invasive plant species are all too common in Bloomington. It is likely that you have more than one thriving on your property! Come walk a beautiful section of paved trail and be introduced to about 15 common exotic invasive plant species. Take away knowledge (not seeds!) and start your fight against the exotic invasive plants in your backyard. Instructor: Josh Nickelson

Sa 6/18 • 11 a.m.–noon • Register by 6/13 • 54007-A
\$3/in-city, \$4/non-city • For all ages.
Clear Creek Trail/Bloomington Rail Trail trailhead—
meet at Church Lane parking lot

Bug Fest

Go on an insect safari, handle cool insects, make a craft, and participate in a mealworm or cricket spitting contest. There will be speakers and information booths on a variety of buggy topics.

Sa 6/25 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
FREE • For all ages.
Hilltop Gardens at Indiana University, 2367 E. 10th St.

Magnificent Monarchs

Every year monarch butterflies embark on an incredible migration over thousands of miles, and several generations, to Mexico. Some of those monarchs have made a home at the Sherwood Oaks butterfly garden. As we search the garden for monarch eggs, caterpillars and butterflies, we will learn about the remarkable life cycle, ecology, and migration of the monarch, and how to design home landscapes to attract monarchs.

Sa 7/23 • 1–2 p.m. • Register by 7/18 • 54008-A
\$2/in-city, \$3/non-city • For all ages.
Sherwood Oaks Park, 1600 E. Elliston Dr.
—Meet behind the tennis courts.

Fossil Frenzy

Evidence of life from millions of years ago can be found throughout Indiana's streams. Join us on an expedition to search for prehistory beneath our feet. Expect a short introduction on what to look for followed by a hike (about two miles round trip) to Griffy Creek to scour the fossil beds. Bring drinking water and wear comfortable, water-resistant footwear. Instructor: Josh Nickelson

F 8/5 • 6–7:30 p.m. • Register by 7/29 • 54006-A
Sa 8/6 • 1–2:30 p.m. • Register by 7/29 • 54006-B
\$4/in-city, \$5/non-city • For all ages.
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, 3300 S. Headley Rd.

Mushroom Foray

Mushroom season does not end with morels! Learn the importance of, how to identify, and how to harvest wild fungi. Additionally, participants will learn where to search for and how to prepare the many edible wild mushrooms our environment provides. The program begins with a brief introduction on common and easy-to-identify edible mushrooms, followed by a hike to search for edible fungi. Dress for the weather, and prepare for moderate hiking. Instructor: Josh Nickelson

Sa 8/13 • 1–2:30 p.m. • Register by 8/8 • 54009-A
\$4/in-city, \$5/non-city • For all ages.
Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, 3300 S. Headley Rd.

Excel Tae Kwon Do

This class focuses on coordination, discipline and self confidence in a fun and safe environment. Excel TKD is taught by Master Emeline O'Connor, a 4th-degree black belt with more than 20 years of experience. Some of her achievements include multiple National and Junior Olympic Championships in the AAU and USSSA organizations, AAU and USSSA National Team Member, and the first woman to be inducted in the USSSA Hall of Fame. The ultimate goal in Excel TKD is to mold future black belts into the best martial artist they can be. Instructor: Emeline O'Connor
M, Th 6/6–7/21 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Register by 6/12 • 55006-A
M, Th 8/1–9/8 • 5:30–6:30 p.m. • Register by 8/7 • 55006-B
\$50 • For all ages.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.
Class does not meet 7/4 or 9/5.

Youth Tennis Lessons

Classes meet twice each week for four weeks. Instructors are accomplished players and trained through the USTA curriculum. Typical student-to-teacher ratio is 5:1. For more information, contact Dee Tuttle at 812-349-3762 or tuttled@bloomington.in.gov.

Winslow Sports Complex,
2800 S. Highland Ave.



Session I

\$38/in-city, \$46/non-city • Register by 5/25.
Beginner

M, W 6/1–6/22 • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 57003-1A
Tu, Th 5/31–6/23 • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 57003-1B
Tu, Th 5/31–6/23 • 5:45–6:30 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 57003-1C

Intermediate

Tu, Th 5/31–6/23 • 6:30–7:15 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 57003-1D

Session II

\$38/in-city, \$46/non-city • Register by 6/29.
Beginner

M, W 7/6–7/27 • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 57003-2A
Tu, Th 7/5–7/28 • 5–5:45 p.m. • For ages 5–8 yrs. • 57003-2B
Tu, Th 7/5–7/28 • 5:45–6:30 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 57003-2C

Intermediate

Tu, Th 7/5–7/28 • 6:30–7:15 p.m. • For ages 9–12 yrs. • 57003-2D

Private Tennis Lessons

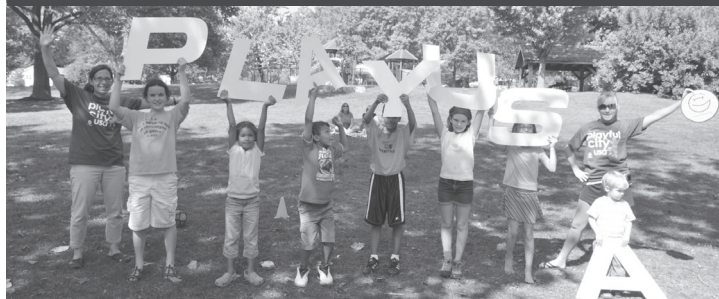
If group lessons are not your style or if you like more personalized attention, private lessons are available from our group instructors. Times are flexible. For more information, contact Dee Tuttle at 812-349-3762 or tuttled@bloomington.in.gov.

Play Tennis Throughout The City

Public play at Winslow Sports Complex, Bryan Park, Southeast Park, Park Ridge East, Sherwood Oaks, and RCA Community Park is permitted whenever courts are not being used by Bloomington Parks and Recreation. Available hours are posted at each site.



Play Day



Friday, August 26 • 6–8 p.m.

Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St. • For all ages.

Come out and PLAY! Bloomington has been named a Playful City USA by KaBOOM!, and we intend to celebrate! We'll have games and playful activities for kids of all ages. The evening ends with the showing of the *WALL-E* movie on the big screen!

Register online at bloomington.in.gov/parks.